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RE:

ASC Telecom, Inc. Tariff C.C. No. 1 Docket No. T-03044A-95-0461

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and ten (10) copies of the ASC Telecom Inc. d/b/a AlternaTel tariff. Sprint respectfully requests to amend the original application.

The purpose of this filing is to:

- 1. Change the structure and rates for AlternaTel services; and
- 2. Make minor textual changes.

Sprint respectfully requests this tariff filing become effective April 24, 2000. A duplicate letter and postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope are enclosed for this purpose. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 969-2501 or (913) 624-6364. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

N. Ann Thompson

Senior State Tariff Analyst

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3. <u>SERVICE AND RATE DESCRIPTION</u> (Continued)

.2 AlternaTel Services

.1 AlternaTel Basic Service

AlternaTel Basic Service is an intercity service, which is available for twenty-four (24) hours a day. The subscriber will use one or more of the two following dialing patterns to gain access to the AlternaTel fiber optic network:

- .1 In Feature Group D (FGD) exchanges, subscriber's telephone line(s) presubscribed to AlternaTel are programmed by the local exchange company (LEC) to automatically route "1+" calls to the Carrier's network. Presubscription to AlternaTel service is available throughout authorized AlternaTel Sale Agents and billed to a Company authorized credit card or billing arrangement. AlternaTel Premium Service is available to Customers of the authorized Agent's Premium Service package. If the Customer cancels the credit card or billing arrangement, the Customer must reapply for service.
- .2 Customers who have selected AlternaTel as their "secondary" interexchange long distance carrier dial "1010XXX+" to access the Carrier's network.

Subscribers may originate AlternaTel Service from the state of Arizona and may terminate calls in all locations within the state. In the event, AlternaTel determines that provision of AlternaTel Dial One Service via a seven digit access number and authorization code imposes a significant risk of fraudulent use of its service, AlternaTel may choose not to process new orders for Dial One Service and/or may, after written notice, cancel existing customers' authorization codes. In such cases, AlternaTel will continue to offer customers its "800" access Calling Card Service. AlternaTel Dial One Service or the "1010XXX" access number will also be offered where equal access (FGD) is available. Subscribers who use AlternaTel Dial One Service in conjunction with automatic dialing equipment may be exempted from this requirement when AlternaTel determines that the likelihood of fraudulent use of the service using such equipment is not significant. AlternaTel service is billed in one (1) minute increments.

AlternaTel Basic Service offers the following types of service:

- .1 Primary Service
- .2 Premium Service

.3 <u>SERVICE AND RATE DESCRIPTION</u> (Continued)

.2 <u>AlternaTel Services</u> (Continued)

.2 AlternaTel Calling Card Service

Calling Card Service is available to presubscribed business and residential customers of one of AlternaTel's outbound services for use when away from their established primary service location. Calling Card access can be from either a tone-generating or rotary-dial telephone instrument, and is gained by dialing the "1010XXX" or the Company's toll free number, plus "0", the called telephone number and Calling Card number. Subscribers may bill calls to their account when calling from any location within the State of Arizona. AlternaTel Calling Card Service is billed in one (1) minute increments. A flat per-minute usage rate will apply.

.3 <u>SERVICE AND RATE DESCRIPTION</u> (Continued)

.2 <u>AlternaTel Services</u> (Continued)

.3 AlternaTel Directory Assistance

AlternaTel will offer Directory Assistance to business and residential customers.

AlternaTel provides the service of connecting customers to a nationwide Directory Assistance operator for a per-call charge as described in Rate Schedule 1.2.3 of this tariff for intrastate information requests. Customers can receive up to two numbers per request. The fee applies whether or not the Directory Assistance operator furnishes the requested telephone number(s), e.g., the requested telephone number is unlisted, non-published or no record can be found. Requests for information other than telephone numbers will be charged for as requests for telephone numbers.

A credit allowance for Directory Assistance will be provided upon request if a customer experiences poor transmission quality, is cut-off, receives an incorrect telephone number, or misdials the intended Directory Assistance number.

National Directory Assistance Service gives a customer the option of completing a call to the called station telephone number received from the Directory Assistance operator without hanging up and originating a new call. National Directory Assistance Service is offered when a customer requests intrastate Directory Assistance. A call completion charge applies in addition to the Directory Assistance per-call charge if the customer accepts the offer. When two numbers are requested from Directory Assistance only the second call can be completed. The call completion fee will not apply if the call cannot be completed. Charges for this service are set forth in Rate Schedule 1.2.3.

When an AlternaTel Operator assists with a Directory Assistance call, the charges as set forth in Rate Schedule 1.2.3 will apply.

Calls placed to Directory Assistance utilizing a Calling Card will incur both the Calling Card connection fee as well as the applicable Directory Assistance percall charge.

.3 <u>SERVICE AND RATE DESCRIPTION</u> (Continued)

.2 <u>AlternaTel Services</u> (Continued)

.4 AlternaTel Operator Service

AlternaTel Operator Service is available to business and residential customers for a fee as described in Rate Schedule 1.2.4 of this tariff, for operator-assisted calls. Access to the AlternaTel Operator can be from either tone-generating and/or rotary-dial telephone instruments and is obtained by one or more of the following dialing methods, depending upon the LEC access arrangements and/or area of origination:

Access to Operator Service can be obtained by the following dialing methods:

- .1 AlternaTel Service subscribers may dial "00" to reach Carrier's operator; or dial 0+ the called telephone number (NPA+ NXX-XXXX)" for long distance calling assistance from equal access (FGD) areas.
- .2 AlternaTel Calling Card Service subscribers and/or Non-FGD originating locations must dial the Company's toll free number to reach Carrier's operator.

AlternaTel Operator Service is billed in one (1) minute increments.

.5 AlternaTel Toll Free Service

AlternaTel Toll Free Service is a flat-rated, inward calling service for business or residential customer, which allows calls to be terminated over the subscriber's existing phone line. The subscriber does not need to change phone numbers or add additional lines. AlternaTel Toll Free Service is available to customers who have selected AlternaTel as their primary interexchange carrier. AlternaTel Toll Free Service is billed in one (1) minute increments.

.3 SERVICE AND RATE DESCRIPTION

- .2 AlternaTel Services (Continued)
 - .6 AlternaTel Payphone Service Charge

A payphone service charge will be incurred on any phone call made from a public/semi-public payphone. A payphone service charge will be applied to all completed intrastate long distance calls placed from a public/semi-public payphone when:

- .1 An alternate billing method is used for calling card, commercial credit card, collect or third-party calls.
- .2 Long distance calls are placed via designated Sprint 800 number, (e.g. Calling Card).
- .3 Directory Assistance calls are made.

The Payphone Service Charge will be applied in addition to all other applicable surcharges, Operator Service Call Placement Charges or usage rates.

4. <u>USAGE RATES</u> (Continued)

AlternaTel Service is billed in one (1) minute increments.

- .2 AlternaTel Service Maximum Rates
 - .1 AlternaTel Basic Service
 - .1 AlternaTel Primary Service
 - .1 Monthly Recurring Charge \$50.00
 - .2 Per-Minute Usage Rates

Per-Minute Rate

\$.75

The above rates also apply to Casual Caller customers (LEC billed).

- .2 AlternaTel Premium Service
 - .1 Monthly Recurring Charge \$50.00
 - .2 Per-Minute Usage Rates

Per-Minute Rate

\$.75

.4 USAGE RATES

.2 AlternaTel Service - Maximum Rates (Continued)

.2 AlternaTel Calling Card Service (Continued)

Calling Card Service calls are billed in one-minute increments with each fractional call rounded up the next minute. If the computed charges include a fraction of a cent, the fraction is rounded down to the next whole cent.

.1 Per-Minute Usage Rates

.1 Per-call charge

.2 Call completion charge

.3 Operator Service charges

		Per Minute Rate	Maximum \$1.00
.3	Alt	ternaTel Directory Assistance	
	.1	Direct Dialed Calls	
		.1 Per-call charge.2 Call completion charge-automated	\$3.00 \$3.00
	.2	AlternaTel Operator Assisted Calls	

\$3.00

\$3.00

See Section 4.2.4.2.

- .4 <u>USAGE RATES</u> (Continued)
 - .2 <u>AlternaTel Service Maximum Rates</u> (Continued)
 - .4 AlternaTel Operator Service
 - .1 Per-Minute Usage Rates*

Maximum

Per Minute Rate

\$2.00

* Each fractional call is rounded up the next minute. If the computed charges include a fraction of a cent, the fraction is rounded down to the next whole cent.

.4 <u>USAGE RATES</u> (Continued)

.2 AlternaTel Service – Maximum Rates (Continued)

.9 Emergency Interruption***

- .4 AlternaTel Operator Service (Continued)
 - .2 Operator Service Call Placement Charges- Maximum Charges

.1 .2	Collect Station-to-Station Collect Person-to-Person	Non-Payphone Call Placement Charge (Added to the First Minute of Each Call) \$ 5.00 \$ 5.00
.3	Person-to-Person	\$ 5.00
.4	Station-to-Station	\$ 5.00
.5	Third Party Person-to-Person	\$ 5.00
.6	Third Party Station-to-Station	\$ 5.00
.7	Operator Dialed Surcharge**	\$ 5.00
.8	Busy Line Verification***	\$10.00
.9	Emergency Interruption***	\$10.00
		Payphone Call Placement Charge (Added to the First Minute of Each Call)
.1	Collect Station-to-Station	\$ 1.55
.2	Collect Person-to-Person	\$ 3.00
.3	Person-to-Person	\$ 1.55
.4	Station-to-Station	\$ 3.00
.5	Third Party Person-to-Person	\$ 4.00
.6	Third Party Station-to-Station	\$ 2.00
.7	Operator Dialed Surcharge**	\$ 2.00
.8	Busy Line Verification***	\$ 3.75

\$ 3.75

.4 <u>USAGE RATES</u> (Continued)

.2 <u>AlternaTel Service</u> – <u>Maximum Rates</u> (Continued)

.5 AlternaTel Toll Free Service

Rates are based on usage charges and a monthly service fee. All calls are billed in 60 second increments with a 60 second per-call minimum. No installation charge is required.

.1 Per-Minute Usage Rates

Peak \$1.00 Off-Peak \$1.00

.2 Time of Day Calling Periods

Peak 7 a.m. to 6:59 p.m.* Off-Peak 7 p.m. to 6:59 a.m.*

.3 Monthly Service Charge \$10.00

^{*} up to but not including

5. PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS

The Carrier may from time to time engage in special promotional service offerings designed to attract new customers or to increase existing customer's awareness of a particular tariff offering. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and/or locations. Requests for specific limited duration promotional offerings will be presented to the Commission in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Commission in the form of a letter to the Commission.

1. **USAGE RATES** (Continued)

.2 AlternaTel Service

AlternaTel Service is billed in one (1) minute increments.

- .1 AlternaTel Basic Service
 - .1 AlternaTel Primary Service
 - .1 Monthly Recurring Charge \$4.95
 - .2 Per-Minute Usage Rates

Per-Minute Rate

\$.10

The above rates also apply to Casual Caller customers (LEC billed).

- .2 AlternaTel Premium Service
 - .1 Monthly Recurring Charge \$0.00
 - .2 Per-Minute Usage Rates

Per-Minute Rate

\$.10

1. USAGE RATES (Continued)

.2 AlternaTel Service (Continued)

.2 AlternaTel Calling Card Service

Calling Card Service calls are billed in one-minute increments with each fractional call rounded up the next minute. If the computed charges include a fraction of a cent, the fraction is rounded down to the next whole cent.

.1 Per-Minute Usage Rates

Per Minute Rate

\$.25

If an AlternaTel Operator assists in call placement, then the applicable Operator Service Call Placement Charge and Operator Service per-minute usage rates will apply in lieu of the AlternaTel Calling Card surcharge and the Calling Card per-minute usage rates.

.3 AlternaTel Directory Assistance

.1 Direct Dialed Calls

.1	Per-call charge	\$0.50
.2	Call completion charge-automated	\$0.50

.2 AlternaTel Operator Assisted Calls

.1	Per-call charge	\$0.50
.2	Call completion charge	\$0.50
.3	Operator Service charges	See Rate Schedule 1.2.4.2

Requests will be limited to two (2) per call.

A credit allowance for Directory Assistance will be provided upon request if the subscriber experiences poor transmission quality, is cut off, receives an incorrect telephone number or misdials the intended Directory Assistance number.

- 1. <u>USAGE RATES</u> (Continued)
 - .2 AlternaTel Service (Continued)
 - .4 AlternaTel Operator Service
 - .1 Per-Minute Usage Rates*

Non-payphone

\$.5500

Payphone

\$.0550

Each fractional call is rounded up the next minute. If the computed charges include a fraction of a cent, the fraction is rounded down to the next whole cent.

- 1. USAGE RATES (Continued)
 - .2 AlternaTel Service (Continued)
 - .4 AlternaTel Operator Service (Continued)
 - .2 Call Placement Charges

Operator Services per-minute usage rates apply to operator handled calls as well as the below-listed Call Placement Charges:

		Non-Payphone
	Class of Service	Call Placement Charge
.1	Station-to-Station	\$ 3.95
.2	Person-to-Person	\$ 9.95
.3	Collect Station-to-Station	\$ 3.95
.4	Collect Person-to-Person	\$ 9.95
.5	Third Party Billing	
	.1 Station-to-Station	\$ 3.95
	.2 Person-to-Person	\$ 9.95
.7	Operator Dialed Surcharge*	\$ 1.15
.8	Busy Line Verification**	\$ 6.50
.9	Emergency Interruption**	\$ 6.50

- * This surcharge applies in addition to all Station-to-Station and Person-to-Person Operator Service charges when the Customer has the ability to dial all the digits necessary for call completion but dials instead "0", "00-", or 1010XXX + "0" to reach the AlternaTel operator to have the operator complete the call. The surcharge will be applied to all Operator Service calls completed by an operator except for 1) calls which cannot be completed by the Customer due to equipment failure or trouble on the AlternaTel network; 2) when a AlternaTel Calling Card is being used.
- ** The Busy Line Verification charge applies when AlternaTel provides operator assistance to determine if there is an ongoing conversation at a called station. The Emergency Interruption surcharge applies in addition to the Busy Line Verification charge when AlternaTel provides operator assistance to interrupt an ongoing conversation, regardless of whether the interruption is successful.

1. <u>USAGE RATES</u> (Continued)

- .2 AlternaTel Service (Continued)
 - .4 AlternaTel Operator Service (Continued)
 - .2 <u>Call Placement Charges</u> (Continued)

Operator Services per-minute usage rates apply to operator handled calls as well as the below-listed Call Placement Charges.

		Payphone
	Class of Service	Call Placement Charge
.1	Station-to-Station	\$ 1.55
.2	Person-to-Person	\$ 3.00
.3	Collect Station-to-Station	\$ 1.55
.4	Collect Person-to-Person	\$ 3.00
.5	Third Party Billing	
	.1 Station-to-Station	\$ 1.55
	.2 Person-to-Person	\$ 3.00
.7	Operator Dialed Surcharge*	\$ 1.15
.8	Busy Line Verification**	\$ 6.50
.9	Emergency Interruption**	\$ 6.50

- * This surcharge applies in addition to all Station-to-Station and Person-to-Person Operator Service charges when the Customer has the ability to dial all the digits necessary for call completion but dials instead "0", "00-", or 1010XXX + "0" to reach the AlternaTel operator to have the operator complete the call. The surcharge will be applied to all Operator Service calls completed by an operator except for 1) calls which cannot be completed by the Customer due to equipment failure or trouble on the AlternaTel network; 2) when a AlternaTel Calling Card is being.
- ** The Busy Line Verification charge applies when AlternaTel provides operator assistance to determine if there is an ongoing conversation at a called station. The Emergency Interruption surcharge applies in addition to the Busy Line Verification charge when AlternaTel provides operator assistance to interrupt an ongoing conversation, regardless of whether the interruption is successful.

1. USAGE RATES (Continued)

- .2 AlternaTel Service (Continued)
 - .5 AlternaTel Toll Free Service

Rates are based on usage charges and a monthly service fee. All calls are billed in 60 second increments with a 60 second per-call minimum. No installation charge is required.

.1 Per-Minute Usage Rates

Peak

\$.10

Off-Peak

\$.10

.2 Time of Day Calling Periods

Peak

7a.m. to 6:59p.m.*

Off-Peak

7p.m. to 6:59a.m.*

- * up to but not including
- .3 Monthly Service Charge

\$2.95

.6 AlternaTel Payphone Service Charge

A payphone service charge will be incurred on any phone call made from a public/semi-public payphone.

The following per-call service charge will be applied to all completed intrastate calls made from a public/semi-public payphone, as described in Rate Schedule 3.2.6 of this tariff.

Per-call service charge

\$.26